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VOICE FROM  
HEAVEN"



MATT. 28:19

# The Church of God Evangel



MARK 16:15

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GOD'S LOVE

THE  
PILLAR

MY HEART'S DESIRE GOD'S WILL

Just to be tender, just to be true,  
Just to be glad the whole day through;  
Just to be merciful, just to be mild,  
Just to be trustful as a child;  
Just to be gentle and kind and sweet,  
Just to be helpful with willing feet;  
Just to be cheerful when things go wrong,  
Just to drive sadness away with a song;  
Whether the hours are dark or bright,  
Just to be loyal to God and right;  
Just to believe that God knows best,  
Just in His promise ever to rest;  
Just to let love be our daily key,  
That is God's will for you and me.

—Mrs. Geneva (Dayton) Anderson.

THE  
TRUTH

THE GROUND OF

EPH. 2:20

1 TIM. 3:15

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"Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead,  
and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God."

1 Peter 1:21.

July 24, 1943

TRUESDELL

# NOTES From My LETTERS

By  
J. H. WALKER  
General Overseer

Everything moves along in Texas in good spirit. Fellowship, friendship, good will, and love prevail throughout the state. In spite of disadvantages, we have had a splendid year.—T. W. Godwin, overseer of Texas.

## TELEGRAM

In midst of wonderful revival at Brooklyn with Mary Kimmer as evangelist. She is a very talented young minister. Good crowds. Souls getting saved.—Roland Verrico, overseer of New York.

## TELEGRAM

Church of God opens new work in Cleveland, Ohio. Brother James Lewis, who is in charge, reports that God is blessing. Eight souls saved. Four saved Sunday night. The revival is in the Old Grace Episcopal Church downtown Cleveland.—E. W. Williams, overseer of Ohio.

Brother Clarke E. Goodman is in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and is making good progress in starting a work there. The work in Powell is looking good and prospects are great for a powerful work there. We had our first radio service this week and got a wonderful response. Have already had several calls for meetings. We are making plans for the Montana Quartet to take over as soon as we get things organized here so that we can help Brother Clarke Goodman in Cheyenne.—R. H. Klautdt, overseer of Wyoming.

I felt that I should write you and express my appreciation to you for visiting my district and speaking in our young people's conference at Toccoa Falls Institute. I had looked forward to being there when you spoke, but due to almost unavoidable circumstances I was away. I had our district Y.P.E. and Sunday School superintendent, Sister Hershaw, take my place, as we were engaged in a tent meeting from which we hope to organize a church in the next few days.

We have worked hard this year, although under very handicapping circumstances. God has blessed us in a wonderful way. Nearly every goal we have set for the district has been accomplished—and may I say that our state requirements have all been exceeded. We have done more in every point than has been asked of us. We are now finishing our drive for 500 *Evangel* subscriptions for our district, which will be two and one-half per member. Our goal will almost be reached by the last of this week. Then

# Notices

In order for you to receive credit on this year's report for your orphanage money, it must be in Brother Boehmer's office not later than July 31, as this is the date when the books will be closed for the annual report.—The Church of God Orphanage, F. R. Harrawood.

We are starting a Sunday School and church at the War Trailer Camp at Cheyenne, Wyoming. The government is supplying the trailer for that purpose. We would like to get in touch with any Church of God people living in or around Cheyenne, or if any of you have boys in the service at Fort Francis E. Warren, we would like to meet them and try to give them some spiritual encouragement.

Pray much for us in this needy field. It seems that old serpent the devil has free course here for all his vices. We are not able for this combat, but God is.—Evangelist and Mrs. Clarke

we plan another drive for our Orphanage before the state convention, from which we hope to finish out our drive for \$1,000 for the year.—Charles G. Paschal, Demorest, Georgia.

I haven't been doing much in the gospel field the past two or three months, but the time is indeed ripe now. I was in Chicago about eight months and worked nearly every day, but I think I preached somewhere every Sunday I was there. Then I went to Wisconsin but could not do any good there. We felt led to come to Cheyenne. So far, we haven't done much, but praise His name, we have waited patiently upon Him, and He has opened the way!

I am working six days a week and ten hours a day on the construction of a refinery here. It is a critical area, and I am frozen on my job. So it didn't look like I could do much. The cheapest place we could seem to get to start services in was a store hall for \$125 a month. We just couldn't seem to get that much together, but God has provided a better way. We are staying in a Government trailer camp, have been praying about starting a Sunday School here, and today we were notified that the Government is going to give us, rent free and lights furnished, a building to have Sunday School and church in. Of course, this may not be a permanent work or an opportunity to establish a Church of God in this kind of a camp, but we believe by the grace of God that much good work will be done. Cheyenne is a needy field. It is the capital and largest city in Wyoming, having a population of 25,000. The nearest Church of God is at Casper, 206 miles from here. Pray for us in this new field.—Clarke E. Goodman, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

E. Goodman, War Trailer Camp, Pershing Blvd., Cheyenne, Wyo.

Pastor, if any of your members have moved to Lima, Ohio, or in the radius of ten or fifteen miles of Lima, we would appreciate a card from you telling us their address that we may contact them. Anyone living close and interested in the Church of God, it is located at 118 E. Spring Street; pastor, John Richardson, 321 N. Pierce St., Lima, Ohio.—John Richardson.

I am in the work at this time and thrown with many people, some saved and many unsaved, and I will appreciate so much your sending me tracts to hand out.—Mrs. S. B. Williams, Rt. 3, c/o Scarbor Selph, Milan, Ga.

## SPECIAL NOTICE TO MINISTERS AND CLERKS

Inasmuch as the tax revision effective July 1, 1943, exempts ministers, the clerks will not be required to withhold any further taxes for ministers.

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# State Conventions Attended

By J. H. Walker, General Overseer

## *Illinois State Convention*

My first convention this year was Illinois, April 30-May 2. Brother Johnson was scheduled to go to Illinois for the state convention, but his daughter was seriously ill in Miami at that time, and it was my privilege to attend the convention, which was held at Benton. The Lord certainly blessed the ministry of His Word. The singing and music, I believe, was the best I have ever heard there. The reports from the field revealed the fact that the brethren had been working with their state overseer, Brother E. O. Kerce. Although the final count of the mission offering was not announced, since this was at the beginning of the conventions and the mission offerings are not being announced until the General Assembly, at the Assembly you will hear from Illinois. The Orphanage offering was splendid. In fact, everyone brought a good report and seemed encouraged with the outlook in his territory. I believe that by the Assembly they will have a wonderful report from that territory.

## *Chicago Constitutional Convention of National Association of Evangelicals*

From the Illinois convention we went to Chicago to the Constitutional Convention of the National Association of Evangelicals, where God met in a special way with the 470 delegates representing 65 denominations and a constituency of two million people.

## *General Assembly of Colored People*

Our next meeting, May 16-23, the General Assembly of our Colored people, Jacksonville, Florida, where God met with us in a marvelous way. We were happy to learn that our colored brethren had an increase in the work in every department of the Church. Their ministers had preached approximately 7,000 sermons during the year, had set seven new churches in order, had built nine new church buildings and had an increase in membership of approximately 250. They had paid off the debt on their auditorium of \$1,540 and \$900 on the boys' dormitory and \$100 on the small school building. The tithes paid into the local churches had increased from \$14,710 for the previous year to \$23,676 for this year. The aged ministers' fund showed a balance of \$1,106.28 with an increase of \$439.95 over that of last year. Their property value had been increased from \$135,275 to \$184,800, with an increase of over \$48,500. The tithe receipts at the general headquarters was \$2,581, with an increase of more than \$1,100. Last year for the orphanage work they raised \$2,103.20; this year they expect to go far beyond \$3,000. They had an increase likewise in their Bible School

efforts.

May God ever bless our Colored people and their overseer, Brother N. S. Marcelle, and help them in their efforts to spread the gospel among their people. Calls are coming from various fields, even through this office, for contacts with the Colored ministers. May God continue to bless them and cause their work to prosper.

## *Louisiana State Convention Northern District*

This convention convened May 28-30 at West Monroe. We were delighted to visit our home churches and hear the report of the faithful ministers and their overseer, Brother W. C. Byrd, giving praise to God for the accomplishments in their territory. The ministers were especially anointed of God. The music and singing was good. Rev. A. L. Burroughs, overseer of Arkansas, and Rev. A. H. Batts, ex-overseer of Louisiana, were present; both delivered splendid messages, encouraging the ministry and laity. The reports showed increases in the finances in all departments of the work. There will be a South Louisiana convention for the benefit of the churches in the southern end of the state. You may watch at the General Assembly for the good complete mission report for Louisiana for this year. May God bless His people there.

## *Tennessee State Convention*

This convention was acclaimed by all that I heard express themselves as being the greatest convention Tennessee has ever had. The program was loaded from early until late with good things. Because of the special meeting in Cleveland of the Mission Board with some ten representatives of the work in Mexico we were unable to be in all the services of the convention; but time would fail me to tell of the various special speakers and their appropriate subjects and the hearty responses received to each of the messages. But God was with us here, for which we give Him sincere thanks and praise. Financially, Tennessee has gone far beyond anything she has ever done heretofore. She showed increases in every department of the work, including membership. As you know, the mission offerings are not to be reported until the Assembly; but I can assure you now that at the end of the year the reports will show that this has been by far the greatest year in the history of the work in Tennessee. May God continue to bless the faithful people of Tennessee and their good overseer, Brother J. D. Bright.

## *Florida and North Carolina State Conventions*

The next two conventions, Florida

and North Carolina, were attended by Brother Paulk and Brother Johnson respectively. I had planned to go to Florida and to North Carolina if it was convenient; but I was delayed some two days in securing my gasoline rationing book and was then called to another state to check on some matters because of an emergency which had developed and was therefore unable to go to Florida. However, I was privileged to visit the North Carolina state convention upon my return from Washington and New York, where I had been called on special business. By the time I arrived, the convention was in full swing. God, in a marvelous way, manifested Himself throughout the entire convention. The messages were splendid, and the singing and music was unusually good. Brother B. C. Robinson, with the orchestra from the local church at Kannapolis, Brother Alphas LeFevre, and others added much to the singing and music. The district pastors gave an encouraging report of the developments in every department of the Church in their territories. Again, we are unable to tell you about the mission offering, as that will be announced at the Assembly. Nevertheless, North Carolina with her mission and orphanage drives, will certainly have a nice report at the end of the year. This was Brother H. L. Chesser's first year as state overseer of North Carolina, but from all indications he has won the love and cooperation of the ministry; and I know that the final count will show that the work accomplished in North Carolina this year is even greater than the high record of last year.

## *Alabama State Convention*

The convention in Alabama convened June 25-27 in Alabama City in the large auditorium of the local church, where hundreds of people had assembled throughout the state, and truly God was with us in a wonderful way. The Alabama City Brass Band and Orchestra added greatly to the music of the convention. It is unnecessary to say anything about the singing, since Alabama is noted for her singers, and it seemed that her best were present. God anointed every speaker afresh, and the reports from the district overseers from off the field revealed the fact that the pastors, under various circumstances, had labored and accomplished one of the greatest year's work Alabama has ever known. Even though Brother E. M. Ellis, the state overseer, had been sick part of the time, he had wonderful cooperation from the entire ministry, and the work of Alabama's record year will be revealed at the

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# Religion and the World

BY THE EDITOR

## Martin Niemoller

According to a report coming out of Stockholm, Pastor Niemoller began his seventh year of confinement in a concentration camp July 1. He is reported to be in good health and that his confidence and faith remains unbroken, latest reports state.

## Russian Camouflage

Max Eastman, writing in *Readers Digest*, says that "an astonishing number of influential men and magazines and newspapers are fawning on Russia. You would think Stalin was some stern deity who held the destiny of the whole planet in his hands." Mr. Eastman points out that this kind of a spirit is "diplomatically foolhardy, morally disgraceful and dangerous to the survival of democratic institutions in this country." Magnifying the virtues of Russia is a dyed deception. Virtues do not exist where Christ is dethroned.

## Russian Guarantee

Mr. Eastman has charged that President Roosevelt "led off" when he remarked that the Russian Constitution "guarantees" religious freedom. The Russian Constitution guarantees no freedom. It guarantees the dictatorship of the Communist Party, Mr. Eastman stated. He further points out that "no constitution which names a small, disciplined organization of zealots as absolute sovereign can possibly guarantee any freedom to any person or institution except that organization and its Vozhd."

## Colored Ringfences White

According to *Prophecy*, World Dominion states that "out of the 61,000,000 babies born every year in the world, 44,000,000 are colored and only 17,000,000 are white." Here grows a peril that some day will make the white race wish they had given more room for children in their program and homes. These races multiply abundantly, while the white races destroy their unborn offspring who will in the end live lives of loneliness, to say nothing of having to face God for the "murder of innocents."

## Boring Without

*Pathfinder* reports that an "important OPA executive quits to assume secretaryship of Communist Party in Washington. House Committee members think there will be more to come. It is certainly a breach of oath of office for men who have been duly elected representatives of the people, to put Communists in office. If politicians were half as clean after election

as they purpose during election, such persons wouldn't be appointed to office.

## Do the Work of an Evangelist

Paul was talking to the young bishop Timothy. It was assumed that his work as an overseer would not require all his time, therefore he would have time for evangelistic work. Today many pastors allow their churches to suffer because they will not "do the work of an evangelist." If the Holy Ghost can use a pastor and his church, he can do much of his own evangelistic work. It is the absence of the Holy Ghost in regular services that creates the demand for someone to revive the church. Most assuredly the Holy Ghost is the person needed for the task. If the Holy Ghost dominates the pastor, the pastor will in turn dominate obstacles that stand in the way of success. When the Holy Ghost is enthroned within the church, the pastor is as good evangelist as anyone else. Pastor or evangelist can do nothing without the presence of the Holy Spirit.

## Willkie and Communism

Now while Mr. Willkie has championed the cause of democracy on the Democrat ticket, and made a good showing, just what is his real status? That he has defended a Communist, that he is counsel for Wm. Schneiderman, head of the Communist Party in California, does not this lay Mr. Willkie open for questioning as to his real political views? To read the article in *July Readers Digest* might give one some light on the subject. A few years ago few, if any lawyers, would have defended a Communist. Can an attorney do it without showing that he wills for communism to live in our democracy? Can communism and democracy live together? Certainly they cannot live together. Democracy had its origin in Christian freedom and without which it would soon die. Communism seeks to destroy religion, therefore whoever defends or aids communism is destroying not only democracy but equally so Christianity.

## Protestant, Catholic and Jewish Unity

Whether it is all so much speculation or that there is a definite reality about religious union among different faiths remains to be revealed. However, it is quite hard to see how there can be a union of professed religious peoples so far and widely separated in tenets of church doctrine as Protestants, Catholics and Jews. Protestants, if true to their name and profession, can no more accept Catholicism now than in Luther's time. The

Jews deny Christ, and just how can there be any real union of Christian and Jew, unless it is merely a "good neighbor" policy for the duration. Houses are built upon foundations, and it is not likely that they are successfully strong when off the foundation. Christ, the rock and Savior of the Church, is the foundation of true Christianity. True union demands trueness of faith and purpose in Christ.

## True Riches

"Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich." But what use is being made of those riches?

We read of the riches of His: "Goodness, forbearance and long-suffering" (Romans 2:4).

"Wisdom and knowledge" (Romans 11:33).

"Grace" (Ephesians 2:7).

"Full Assurance" (Colossians 2:2).

"Glory" (Philippians 4:19).

"In everything we are enriched by Him" (1 Corinthians 1:5).

The Apostle Paul exulted in the heaven-conferred privilege of informing others of "the unsearchable riches of Christ" (Ephesians 3:8) and of "making many rich" (2 Corinthians 6:10).

How vastly superior was his method over that of some of us who may be hiding our spiritual wealth in the counterpart of old barns or old clothes. —Now.

## Giraud Warns Concerning Fall of France

General Giraud, writing in *Life*, as reported by *Moody Monthly*, "gives reasons for the fall of France, and some of these destructive things are evident in our own country today. Perhaps at the time even he would not have admitted these evils existed. Read these lines from Giraud carefully and frankly admit the danger spots in American life.

"First, the primordial question, that of birth rate. France, even without the war, was on the slope of suicide. The family was disappearing to give place to couples without children... There was a great deal of talk in France, beautiful programs were made, many blue ribbons were distributed. The matches of football and rugby, the boxing, the horse races, the bicycle and automobile races had more and more success... The result was fatal. In a race formerly solid, rusty tough against fatigue, but where alcohol and syphilis had opened suppurating wounds, the skeleton shrank, the tissues became lax, and resistance disappeared.

"Our ideal was to enjoy ourselves. From the first to the last rank of society, people wanted to amuse themselves, or rather to daze themselves... What did the school teach these youngsters and these men? First, *egoism, personal interest and the cult of envy*. After that, negation of everything spiritual, of everything divine, of everything ideal. *Atheism, if not proclaimed, was at least encouraged*.



Let me answer that question Biblically. First of all we shall refer to St. John 4:6-24. There we see Jesus as He sat upon the edge of Jacob's well. He was very tired and worn in body and very thirsty. There came a woman of Samaria and began to draw water out of the well. Jesus saith unto her, "Give me to drink" (for His disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.) Then saith the woman of Samaria unto Him, "How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans." Jesus answered and said unto her, "If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water." The woman saith unto him, "Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water? Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?" Jesus answered and said unto her, "Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." The woman saith unto him, "Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw." Jesus saith unto her, "Go, call thy husband, and come hither." The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said unto her, "Thou hast well said, I have no husband: for thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly." The woman saith unto him, "Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus saith unto her, "Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem worship the Father. Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: For salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth; For the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

I want you to specially notice the third verse where Jesus said, "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: For the Father seeketh such to worship him." Friend, He said not only is the hour coming, but now is, when the true worshippers must worship the Father in spirit and in the truth. I don't know what that means to you, but if you are waiting for some future event to take place before worshipping God in spirit and in truth, I'm afraid you are way behind the time, for the hour has come. It began with Jesus and that same hour extends to you and me today.

# The Hour Has Come

St. John 4:23, "*But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.*"

Paul in writing Romans 8:14, said, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God they are the sons of God." Notice, Jesus speaking in reference to the Father said, "The Father seeketh such to worship him." Who are the such? The such are they that worship God in spirit and in truth. What is truth? Jesus praying to the Father in St. John 17:17 said, "Thy word is truth." Friend, it's time you began worshipping God in spirit and in truth, if you aren't already. "For God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." This is no time to try converting the Spirit of God to the admonishings of the carnal mind. The hour has come. The carnal mind can no longer sustain us. We need a spiritual mind. Paul said, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." What kind of a mind was that? It was a submissive mind to the will of God by the Spirit. You may say, "That seems foolish to me." But 1 Cor. 1:26-29 says, "For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things which are: That no flesh should glory in his presence." Notice he said, "Things which are despised, hath God chosen." There is no other doctrine despised like the doctrine which Jesus taught. The reason for that is that the doctrine of Christ reproves sin. That is why they crucified our Lord and Master, they knew that the things He spoke were true and because their consciences reproved their hardness of

heart and formal worship, they therefore became the murderers of the Son of God. I wonder if today there aren't many who try to justify the deeds of the flesh, which are evil, just because someone says they are all right, and because of that oppose this old-time, Holy-Ghost, God-sent experience of holiness for the mere hard bread and water diet of carnal pleasure and selfish indulgence in worldly formalisms. I'm afraid that there are a great majority of people just as I have described.

Yes, the hour has come, and it is nearly gone. What are you doing to further this gospel of holiness? There is a new hour coming, but in that hour the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God and they shall come forth out of their graves, some to everlasting life, and some to everlasting condemnation. Which group shall you be in?

"Eternity! oh, how long you are! they that enter thee must go to the judgment bar."

It will be too late then to make restitution with God. Make your decision now. Being sorry then will not help you, but godly sorrow now will help you then, if you abide faithful to the very end. Godly sorrow worketh repentance, but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

## SABOTAGE

MRS. ELLEN KEENON

Jesus said in Luke 11:23 that they that are not for us are against us. How true that is today with sin on every hand and folks deceiving and being deceived.

Just as the saboteur works with all his might in the defense plants and different government works, just so are there saboteurs in God's work. And their work is so much the worse, since one soul lost means more than thousands of lives. In government works the saboteur will belong to the union and on the surface appear as loyal and patriotic as the best, and while seemingly helping in production there is an undercurrent that is ever seeking a chance for sabotage, just to loosen a bolt or slip in inferior material and cause a life or number of lives to be lost, carrying on their deviltry, not in the least being suspected by those in charge.

So it is in God's great defence plant (the Kingdom of God), there are those (the saboteurs) who appear to be trustworthy and loyal and yet are doing their deadly work in a great way, slowing up the production of new souls being born into the kingdom. These are the ones that slip in unawares, Jude 4, and maybe loosen a bolt of unity or with the drill of hate bore a hole and plug it with the paste of hypocrisy, or call a strike (get folk to stay away from church), true to their president, the devil. Just as surely as they are in the government works they are in God's works, so let us as God's Church ever be on the watch and not lend our ears to every idle conversation we hear or peddle his gossip, thus becoming a tool with which the saboteur may work.

# Foundation Doctrines of Protestantism

(Sermon delivered by Earlie M. Tapley, at Tennessee State Convention)

*"According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundations can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 3:10, 11.*

I have chosen this text for my message tonight because it sets forth Christ as the foundation of Christian faith. Protestants believe Christ and the Bible, rather than the papacy and traditionalism, to be the foundation upon which Christianity rests. The very name "Protestantism" indicates that there is a protest against something, and I shall have a few things to say about that "something" tonight.

The great doctrines of Protestantism cover a broad field—a field so broad that we cannot cover it at close range. Much of our confusion today, anyway, is due to the fact that we try to see everything at close range, and consequently we see only a part of it. You have heard the story of the blind men who disputed over the elephant. One felt of his leg and contended that an elephant was like a tree; another, feeling of the elephant's tail, decided he was like a rope, and on goes the argument. That's like so many of us today. We dispute because we see so little, and each sees a different part. We need a broader and more objective view.

There was a time when a general took the lead of his army as they marched to battle, and it was not uncommon for a general to die at the front. In recent years the theory has grown up in military circles that a commanding general can observe and direct his armies better when he is far back of the firing line. There is a story of a negro who was fighting in World War I. Suddenly he dropped his gun and retreated as fast as his legs could carry him. After a few minutes' running he was halted by a military gentleman who demanded, "Why did you not salute me?"

"Salute you," the negro inquired excitedly, "Is you a officer?"

"An officer! I'm a colonel!"

"A colonel? Boss, is I done run dat fur back?"

In the great issues of Protestantism I wish we might get far enough back tonight to catch a panorama and close enough up to examine some details. We are going to deal largely with church history that we might point out some of the cardinal principles of Protestant faith, and see in it those great lessons that teach us along the way.

## A VIEW OF THE EARLY CHURCH

I should like to notice first a few things about the early church. In those days Christianity was a religion of simplicity. They took little interest in forms and ritualism, but with one accord they continued steadfastly in

the faith, breaking bread from house to house, having their possessions in common, and seeking God for those great visitations of the Holy Spirit and power which came upon their services and lives. It is those visitations that we need today.

## THE COMING OF APOSTASY AND THE DARK AGES

But time changed the early church a great deal. After the first two or three centuries it began to lose that simplicity and power and became more formal and ritualistic, becoming burdened with temporal and political interests. In 313 A. D., by the Edict of Milan, Constantine made Christianity a legal religion and Roman persecution ceased. Later it became the state religion, and the whole Roman Empire was ushered into the church without any thought of the new birth.

Gradually the church gained political power, and the Bishop of Rome, being in the capitol of the empire, assumed leadership of the whole Christian Church until he was finally recognized as Pope, thus completing the Roman hierarchy. As the empire grew weaker the church grew stronger, and when Rome fell in the latter part of the Fifth Century the Pope, as the head of Christendom, became the leader of civilization, and the period commonly referred to as the Dark Ages fell as a pall upon Europe. During that period the great ecclesiastical system of the Catholic Church, as we know it today, was fully developed. Within this religious system there developed superstitions and false doctrines, one of which was the doctrine of transubstantiation; that is, that the bread and wine of the communion table became the literal body and blood of Christ when touched by the officiating priest. (Brother E. C. Clark gave you some information on the beginning of this doctrine in his fine message yesterday.) The Roman Church developed seven sacraments which must be administered by the priest; they came to teach that without these ceremonies one could not be saved. The Pope was accepted as infallible, and much of the doctrine of Christianity was built upon the shifting sands of traditionalism rather than upon the solid rock of Bible truth. Brethren, that is one of our dangers today, and we must be careful here. No doctrine must become dear to us simply because we have preached it; we should hold sacred only that which stands the Bible test. One of the fundamentals of Protestant faith is that the Bible, not a religious system, is the final authority in religion.

## THE DARKNESS OF MIDNIGHT—ABSOLUTE APOSTASY

Under Pope Innocent III the Catholic Church reached the zenith of her power. The Pope's power was absolute, and he needed only to declare an in-

terdict or read his dreaded ceremony of excommunication to bring proud emperors to his feet in the proverbial penitence of sackcloth and ashes. The story goes that one of them came down to Rome and stood barefoot in the snow at the Vatican gate begging for a chance to do penance and be forgiven.

I have here a document I believe will be of interest to you, so I am going to read it. It is a ceremony of excommunication used about 1000 A. D. I feel sure it is authentic, because it was given me by Dr. J. Wesley Hoffman, who is head of the History Department of the University of Tennessee. This service is carried on in a chapel where all is dark except for a candle that burns in front of the officiating priest. (I hardly think you brethren will want to take it home and read it over some rebellious member.) The priest begins:

"By the authority of God the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and by the holy Mary, mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the holy Michael, and by the holy angels and archangels, and by the holy Peter and the holy Paul, and by all the holy apostles, and by the holy Stephen and the holy martyrs, and by the holy Martin, the holy confessors, the holy Magdalene, the holy Catherine, and by all the holy virgins, and by all the saints of God, we hereby excommunicate, damn, anathematize, and sequester from the threshold of the Mother Church, these men . . . . . whom we are minded to curse.

"May they be cursed within and without. Let them have no society with Christian men. May they be cursed walking, sitting, standing, eating, drinking, waking, and sleeping. May they be cursed in the home and in the village, in the fields and in the woods, on the land and on the water. May they be cursed in all their members from the sole of the foot to the top of the head; may there be no health in them. May their part be with Dathan and Abiron, and Nero, and Simon Magnus, and with Judas, the betrayer of our Lord, unless they repent and come to amendment.

"And as this candle is extinguished, so may their souls be extinguished in Hell. Let it be done . . . Let it be done . . . Let it be done. Amen."

If you understand the superstitions of Medieval Europe and also the deep respect they held for the power of the church, you can imagine what terror this ceremony struck to men's hearts. During this period men were bound by the chains of feudalism, a system which tied every man to his land as a servant for life, as well as being under a religious system of absolute tyranny. These were the great social and religious problems that were crying for reform.

## THE DAWN—THE RENAISSANCE

The great movement known as the Renaissance was a forerunner of the Reformation. The word means "re-





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birth." It was a rebirth of learning—a revival of the study of the classics. It first began in Italy about 1400 A. D., later crossing the Alps to cover the whole of Europe and penetrate the British Isles. This great awakening signaled the passing of the Dark Ages. But it still did not represent a movement of true scientific research; it was rather a revival of the study of the ancient authorities.

I heard a story of an assembly of some of these classical scholars. They were seeking to answer various questions. Someone wanted to know how many teeth a horse had, so the search began. When they were unable to find the answer in Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, etc., they were bewildered for an answer. (Remember that these fellows felt that all acceptable answers must come from one of the ancient authorities.) Finally one young scholar arose with the unorthodox suggestion that they simply count the teeth of a horse and see. Of course, they almost kicked him out. Now let us not laugh too quickly; we may see something that looks like ourselves here.

This new interest in learning caused men to question anew the absolute authority of the Pope. There was a growing feeling that man might approach God for himself. One of the first preachers of this doctrine—a doctrine later known as "the priesthood of all believers"—had been John Wycliffe. Wycliffe was an English scholar and a professor at Oxford University. He also attacked the doctrine of transubstantiation which he termed a "blasphemous folly." The doctrines of Wycliffe spread to Bohemia where they provided the weapons of John Huss, a professor at the University of Prague, to attack the corrupt religious system. Huss didn't last long at it. He was charged with heresy, taken to Germany for

trial, and burned at the stake. The Bohemian people could not forget the martyrdom of their beloved Huss, and when the Reformation came the memory of Huss remained to influence the Bohemians against Catholicism.

#### DAY BREAKS—LUTHER AND THE REFORMATION

The fires of reform had long been smoldering; it remained for Martin Luther, whom we usually think of as the father of the Reformation, to fan them to flames. I think we should say a few things about this great reformer.

Luther was born on November 10, 1483, in Eisleben, of Saxony. His parents were poor peasants, but by thrift they were able to give their son a liberal education. They were very religious people, and Luther received religious training in the home and in school. His father intended for him to be a lawyer, and sent him to the University of Erfurt where he received his master's degree. He took up the study of law, but had no taste for it. He became deeply convicted of his sins and feared that he would surely be lost. The death of a close friend deepened this conviction, and much to the disappointment and chagrin of his father he turned to the church, entered a monastery, and was ordained to the ministry. He was later chosen as instructor in philosophy at the University of Wittenberg, where he received his doctor's degree.

For nine years Luther led a peaceful academic life lecturing to the students and preaching in the city, but he was still haunted by the conviction that nothing that he could do would merit salvation. He made a visit to Rome, and there is a tradition that he was converted during this visit while climbing on his knees up the steps of the Lateran Church and got the idea of his great doctrine of justification by faith. Whether this is true or untrue we do not know, but it is known that one day while lecturing to his students on Paul's epistle to the Romans he came upon the clause, "The just shall live by faith." Luther had read this verse many times, but he grasped a new meaning that day. The more he searched his New Testament the more firmly convinced he became that man is not justified by the power or prayer of the priest, but by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Soon after this John Tetzel came to Wittenburg selling indulgences. By the purchase of an indulgence, a person was practically paying the church for the right to sin. It was a foul practice, but Pope Leo X needed money to finish St. Peter's Cathedral down in Rome, and he was using this plan to raise it. Luther realized that this practice was contrary to his belief that, "The just shall live by faith," and began to preach against it. He nailed his famous ninety-five theses to the old church door and the storm was on. Luther had written his theses in Latin, but to his surprise they were quickly translated into the language of the people and circulated throughout Germany, striking a responsive

chord in the hearts of the people. It seemed to be the thing they had been waiting for.

Of course, the Pope decided immediately that something must be done about this; so Luther was soon excommunicated by the church and summoned to Worms for trial. His friends remembered the fate of John Huss and advised him not to go, but Luther replied: "If there were as many devils in Worms as there are tiles upon the roofs of its houses I would go on." In Worms he stood before a court composed of the emperor, a number of other rulers, and thirty bishops. He boldly admitted his writings and teachings, and spoke for two hours in his defense, concluding with these words: "Let me then be refuted and convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by the clearest arguments, otherwise I cannot and will not recant, for it is neither safe nor expedient to act against conscience. Here I take my stand; I cannot do otherwise, so help me God!"

Before a verdict was reached to burn Luther, he was hastened off to Wartburg Castle where he spent a year writing pamphlets and translating the New Testament into the German language. The church authorities had said that the people should not have the Bible; that they were not capable of understanding it. But soon after Luther came out of his retirement his people were reading the Bible in their own language. He believed if all the people could read the Bible for themselves, all would soon see alike; on that point he was bound to be disillusioned.

#### THE REFORMATION FIRES SPREAD

Once the fires of reformation were fanned ablaze, they could not be confined to the German border. They spread everywhere, warming the hearts of men and quickening faith in the Bible.

Time would not permit us to deal with other great leaders like Calvin, Zwingli, and Knox. We could also speak of the great awakening that came much later under the preaching of Wesley and Whitefield—a revival that may have saved England from revolution at a time when her people were steeped in classical formalism and social injustice. Multitudes wept as these two great preachers unfolded the mysteries of divine love, and told their hearers that God spoke to the heart, not merely through the cold reasoning of the head.

#### THE TWO SCHOOLS OF THEOLOGY

As the great revolt against Catholicism continued, two great schools of theology developed. First came the Calvinistic theory of predestination, developed by John Calvin. He taught that the death of Christ was for the elect only, and only this chosen elect could be saved; all others were hopelessly lost. We realize that Calvin was a great reformer, but we also believe he was wrong. My Bible says, "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that WHOSOEVER believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Later

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# WHEN I WAS ARRESTED

MABEL MADDEFORD

I was reared in a Christian home having a praying mother and a godly father who did all they could to rear their children for God. We had the old family prayer and reading of the Word every night and we children were taught to pray. But as we grew older we left the teachings of our parents and took up the ways of the world. Indeed we wandered into deep sin that caused much heartache to our parents.

When we scattered and established homes of our own, Mother would write regularly, and her letter never contained a lot of news, but instead, she quoted the scriptures and ever warned us of our evil ways. Quite often we would write and tell her to stop preaching to us. But she would tell us she was praying for us and knew that God would sometime save us.

I became the mother of a son and two daughters and instead of following my parents' example I taught them to dance and to play cards and to indulge in all kinds of worldliness.

Oh, quite often the Spirit of God hovered o'er me and a great longing seized my heart to be a Christian. While I mocked at other Christians, at the same time I greatly admired them and longed to be like them. In fact, a few times I even made feeble attempts to live a Christian life but with poor results. But in spite of it the Spirit of God continued to follow me, although I rapidly traveled the downward road.

Finally the time came when loved ones at home laid hold on God for my soul's salvation and God began to answer prayer. I was put under arrest by the Holy Spirit. It was terrible darkness in the prison where I was bound. Fetters were about my

hands and my feet, no ray of sunlight could I see. The scalding tears tore my heart asunder and left no peace. Agonizing despair filled my soul and I cried out in torment while my jailor laughed in my face. He taunted me with scorching words and searing thoughts. "You have served me well," he cried, "but know ye not that chained darkness is your doom?"

My husband could not help me, neither could my sister, nor my friends. So in great remorse of soul and agony of a broken heart I flung myself at the feet of the great Judge and my Advocate and pled my own case. I told Him my sins were so great, and so many and I begged Him to have mercy on me and grant me a full pardon. And then, hallelujah! what a glorious day when He with great love and mercy stretched forth His hand and loosed the prison shackles that had me bound, washed my prison record clean in His own blood and said, "My child, you are free, for I've paid the ransom price for thee." How brightly shone the sun on that new day. My feet were winged with happiness as I walked on clouds of glory. Songs of praise arose from my very soul, my "tongue became the pen of a ready writer inditing the good things concerning the King!"

I became a minister of the gospel, carrying the "good news" to others. Husband, children, sisters, and brother all tasted and found Him good, and, like Paul the beloved, all are running in the race toward the mark to win the prize of the high calling to God—our Bridegroom.

"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come and his wife hath made herself ready."

Indeed, it does not appear in what respect anything capitally criminal could have been found in these words, had they been actually spoken. The high priest, however, arose from his place in great commotion, as if some great crime had been proved, and demanded whether Jesus had anything to say in His own behalf when such things were against Him.

Our Lord remained silent before this iniquitous tribunal, not merely from perfect meekness and patience, but as our Surety, that we might have an effectual plea before the tribunal of God. The high priest, therefore, at length solemnly "adjured" Him "by the living God" to declare whether He was the Christ, the "Son of God" or not. This was the customary method of putting men upon their oath, to which the criminals, or witnesses, were required to answer, as in the presence of God. When the matter, therefore, was thus proposed, our Lord saw fit to answer that indeed Caiaphas had declared the real truth, and that, notwithstanding His present despised condition, they would see Him hereafter as "The Son of man, sitting on the right hand of power and coming in the clouds of heaven." This is generally interpreted as His exaltation "at the right hand of the Father," which was manifested by the "pouring out of the Spirit" on His followers. His final coming to judgment seems to have been intended, and the members of the council were warned that they would at length be constrained to stand before His awful tribunal. This avowal was evidently the very thing which the high priest wanted, and therefore, he "rent his clothes" as if in detestation of blasphemy, inquiring what need they had to examine any more witnesses, as they all had "heard His blasphemy." In consequence, therefore, they unanimously pronounced Him guilty of a capital crime, and the attendants began, by the allowance of the rulers, to insult, buffet and spit upon Him with the greatest disdain imaginable. Having covered His eyes, they "smote Him" with the palms of their hands, or rather, "with their rods," demanding of Him a specimen and proof of His prophetic powers, by declaring the names of those who, one after another smote Him. Thus they, without intending it, fulfilled several prophecies, the literal accomplishments of which must previously have appeared highly improbable.

Note Isa. 50:5, 6, "The Lord God hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned back. I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting."

Isa. 52:13, "Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high."

Micah 5:1, "Now gather thyself in troops, O daughter of troops: he hath laid siege against us: they shall smite the judge of ISRAEL with a rod upon the cheek." Happy are they whom their most malicious enemies can allege nothing except by "false wit-

## WHAT THINK YE?

By LEWIS ARROWOOD

St. Matt. 26:66

*"They answered and said, He is guilty of death."*

The grand council of the Jews was convened at the high priest's palace, waiting to have Jesus brought before them, and thither the officers conducted Him, bound as a criminal. Peter followed at some distance to see how matters would terminate, and having obtained admission into the high priest's palace, he associated with the servants, as a stranger drawn thither from curiosity. This was another false step tending to his fall. In the meantime, the council earnestly "sought false witness" against Jesus, as conscious that they could procure no other and as desirous of giving their proceedings an appearance of law and justice, so that, a capital sentence having been pronounced against Him by the council, they might apply to the Roman governor to have it put into execution.

The professed entertaining of false witnesses against Christ will not seem strange, if it be remembered that, among the Jews, in actions against seducers of the people, or false prophets, it was lawful to say anything, whether true or false, no man being permitted to say aught in defense of them. But, while many false witnesses appeared against Jesus, the council could find no two persons agreeing in one testimony, without which the law forbade them to put any man to death. At length, two persons concurred in testifying that He had declared Himself able to destroy the temple and to build it again in three days. These words, which our Lord had uttered long before, were widely different from this statement of them, so that their testimony was false, though it had the semblance of truth. Yet even these two did not so agree as to give any ground for a regular sentence of condemnation.



nesses."

Persecutors will indeed commonly be more assiduous in doing mischief than most diligent Christians in doing good. They will find false witnesses and invent slanders to give a color to their cruel hatred and to pervert the words of those who plead the cause of God to quite contrary meanings. By these methods has JESUS been persecuted in His followers in every age.

"Now Peter sat without in the palace; and a damsel came unto him, saying, Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee." But he denied before them all, saying, I know not what thou sayest. And when he was gone out into the porch, another maid saw him, and said also unto them that were there, This fellow was also with Jesus of Nazareth. And again he denied with an oath, I do not know the man. And after a while came unto him they that stood by, and said to Peter, Surely thou also art one of them: for thy speech betrayeth thee. Then began he to curse and to swear, saying, I know not the man, and immediately the cock crew, and Peter remembered the words of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crew, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out and wept bitterly.

Everything which Peter had seen and heard since his entrance into the high priest's palace must have tended to dismay his mind. While in this situation, surrounded by terrors and dangers on every side, and doubtless assaulted by strong temptations from Satan, a young woman challenged him as being a follower of Jesus, and the dread of immediate detection, with all its imagined consequences, made him entirely forget his promises and resolutions. He was ready to fight for his Master, but he had not before thought of His ignominious death as a criminal. He was therefore surprised into a denial of Christ and a declaration that he knew not what the woman meant by such an assertion. When he had gone out into the porch belonging to the palace, perhaps with some thoughts of departing, another maid saw him, and said to those around her that he certainly had been an attendant of Jesus. Peter again denied it, declaring with an oath that he did not so much as know Him. After another hour, those who stood by came to him with

a relative of Malchus, whose ear he had cut off, and, with greater confidence, declared that he assuredly was one of them, for they had seen him with Jesus in the garden, and his Galilean dialect betrayed him as one of His followers. But Peter, now filled with extreme terror, began "to curse and to swear," or to anathematize himself as accursed of God and devoted to utter destruction, if he so much as knew this man. While he was using this horrid language, the cock crew, and Jesus having come in to sight, turned and, "looked upon him." Thus he was at once brought to recollect the words of Jesus and his own rash statements. His whole guilt immediately rushed into his mind, and, without delay, he left the place full of the deepest shame, anguish and remorse, and "wept bitterly" at the remembrance of his profaneness, treachery, cowardice and ingratitude.

Let all beware of vain confidence and self-preference. It does not become us to boast, or resolve what we will do. Rather let us decline temptation as much as we can and trust in the Lord alone to uphold us. Let us also avoid rashness and pray for victory over the fear of man. In all of these respects, we need much forbearance from our gracious Lord. But when self-confidence induces men to trust themselves uncalled into perilous circumstances, we may expect to hear of lamentable consequences. Little do we know how we should act in very difficult situations, if left to ourselves. The snow does not more naturally melt before the fire, than our resolutions vanish when we enter into temptation. Who then can say what he will do? or what he will not do? The way of sin is down hill. Every step makes way for another still more fatal, and there is nothing false, impious, or atrocious to which we might not gradually be tempted, if the Lord should wholly leave us. "Let him therefore that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall." And let us all distrust our own hearts, and rely wholly on GOD, according to His Word.

If any have fallen, even in the most dreadful manner, let them think of Peter's recovery and not despair, and let them recollect the words of Christ, as well as their own sins, that their tears, confessions and humiliations may be mingled with hope.

changes. But it seems like her pleading is all in vain.

Father lives on in sin, teaching this dear boy of his to drink, to curse, to swear, to gamble, to play cards, the boy he thinks he loves, the boy that thinks whatever father does is all right.

After while they will all come to the end of the way and have to stand before the judgment bar of God to answer for themselves. How sad, how sad, when mother and sister, father and son have to say good-bye to never see each other again.

Father and son will hear their doom: Depart, I know you not; while mother and sister will hear: Come, ye blessed of my Father. Oh, what a difference!

As father and son travel down that broad way, son will turn to father and say: "If it had not been for the way you lived I would not be here; I could have gone with mother and sister. When we were back in the other world you would drink that vile stuff and give it to me also and say it would make a man out of me and I thought it was all right because I didn't know any better. You would curse and swear before me but I didn't think it was any harm because it was daddy that did it. You would invite what you called your friends over to a game of cards and you would gamble until past midnight and it all looked good to me because I didn't know any better. You used to take me to the picture show and to the ball game and I just thought it was grand because I didn't know."

And as they near that place of torment the boy turns again to his father with tears streaming down his face and tells him to look and listen. "Father, just look at those awful flames; oh, father, couldn't we go back? Just look at those precious boys and girls riding the billows of hell. Oh, if we could have gone with mother and sister!"

Oh, what a sad picture! Likely a good many that are in that place of woe today are there because they followed the life of someone else. Oh, just think of some one having to go to hell for something you have done. Others probably are there just for one drink. Just for a game of cards. Just for a pleasure ride. Just for a little money. Oh, what a small price they place on their souls.

Some time ago I saw a report in a paper about what a vast sum of money would be taken out of circulation if the sale of beer and ale was stopped. Friends, this just means that men and women, boys and girls are selling their souls to keep this money in circulation; it is made to drink and you cannot make any other use of it.

What does the Bible say about the worth of a soul? What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his soul? What would you give in exchange for your soul?

What would the rich man have given if he could have come back and told his family and loved ones what he had seen and warned them to stay away?

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## IN THE INTEREST OF SOULS

By W. D. ODOM

Friends, let's try to draw a picture of a home where we will say is a family of four, where father is a drunkard.

This could be a home of peace and enjoyment; a home where father and mother, brother and sister would love and cherish, but they cannot because father is a drunkard.

It could be a home where the family altar is still seen; it could be a home where prayer service is held and enjoyed; it could be a home where Jesus lives and is honor guest; but, oh,

how sad.

Father and son, they league together as is generally the case; where you find one you are likely to find the other; what father does son will do; what father says son will say. Mother tries as best she can to live a Christian life and sister follows in her footsteps.

Mother pleads with father to stop drinking; she tries to tell him how awful it would be to fill a drunkard's grave. She tries to picture what an awful place he is bound for unless he

## B. T. S. Echoes From the Field

"There is really going to be a lot of boys and girls from Florida in school next year. You may send my brother an application."—Paul Owens.

Brother and Sister Bolan are in a revival in Eudora, Arkansas. Two have already prayed through to the Holy Ghost.

Sidney Lowe and Harrell Kirkland are in a revival in Brooksville, Florida. One has already been saved and one sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

A prophet may be without honor in his own country, but Harold Cato certainly is not without a job. He is teaching a singing school and helping in a revival at the Riverside church in Atlanta; teaching a class in the daily vacation Bible school at the Hemphill Avenue church; lending a hand to the South Side church in the renovation of the old Central Baptist Church recently purchased; boosting B. T. S. and writing for applications for his neighbors.

Wayne Heil is doing evangelistic work in Pennsylvania. His first revival was in Uniontown where George Folk is pastor. Five were saved, four sanctified, and four filled with the Holy Ghost.

Junior Burr is teaching a class in the daily vacation Bible school at Kannapolis, North Carolina. He writes: "I still have the victory."

Brother and Sister Hawkins returned to old Virginia. In their first revival at Allisonia eleven were saved, nine sanctified, and six filled with the Holy Ghost. They are now in a revival in Roanoke. They sent the following message in their last letter:

"Since leaving school we have seen many of the students working for the Lord. This always makes us happy, but there are many others who want to come to school. We are very grateful and happy to think that we can return and better prepare ourselves for the mission field. Bible School has been the greatest asset in our lives. We received training there that placed within our souls courage, determination, zeal and faith to trust and serve God forever."

J. W. Leatherwood, of Breman, Georgia, writes, "We are really having good services, and are expecting a great revival."

Margaret Winegar and Dorothy Hillman are conducting a daily vacation Bible school and revival at the Church of God in Pulaski, Virginia.

### CONVENTIONS ATTENDED BY GEN. OVERSEER—(Con. from page 3)

final count at the Assembly. A large number of revivals were scheduled; and by this time, no doubt, many souls have been saved during the evangelistic efforts. Brother D. B. Yow was in charge of the evening services, and God did especially anoint him, and many hearts were touched by his soul-stirring messages. Alabama showed increases in every department of the work, for this has also been her greatest year.

#### North Georgia Youth Conference

While en route to the South Carolina convention, by previous engagement I spoke at the North Georgia Youth Conference at Toccoa as scheduled, on Wednesday evening. Mr. LeTourneau flew in his own plane from Vicksburg, Mississippi, to be with us for this special service. I certainly did appreciate his message—a sincere and earnest plea for a deeper consecration with God. It might appear quite unusual for a multimillionaire to speak on such a subject; but when you meet and hear him, you will be convinced that God definitely has His hand upon him. May God bless our youth at such a time as this, and may He continue to direct our Brother Godwin who was in charge of the conference and his co-workers in their special interest of our youth.

#### South Carolina Convention

The South Carolina convention convened July 1-4 at Greenville in the large church auditorium, which

at times was filled to capacity. Brother L. W. McIntyre, the state overseer, had a splendid program arranged; and the ministers throughout the state were there with their hearts running over with joy, for they, too, had, in every respect, gone beyond all previous records in that state.

The singing was wonderful. The orchestra under the direction of Brother Vep Ellis, assistant pastor and music director of Greenville church, made us all feel as if we were ready to fly away. I am not privileged to go into details as to the various speakers and the responses; but as a whole, God especially anointed the speakers at this convention, for which we praise Him. Of course, I wish that it were possible for me to tell you the mission offering, but at the Assembly you will see a figure that was unexcelled last year. In every department of the work in South Carolina there is progress, and God is blessing. We are expecting numbers of conversions in the many revivals that were scheduled to follow the convention. May God continue to bless South Carolina.

#### West Virginia State Convention

Last week, July 9-11, we were privileged to visit the West Virginia state convention, which convened in Beckley in the city auditorium. Although our people were hindered because of labor strikes in that territory and the gasoline shortage, they were, nevertheless, there at the convention with

their hearts aglow with praises to God for His wonderful goodness. Brother B. L. Hicks, the state overseer, and the ministers, when the various reports were given, proved that they had been working faithfully throughout the year. Generally, we say that the last convention was the best; so this was the last convention thus far. Truly, we were led to feel the great and earnest need of a deeper consecration in our lives during these trying times, as we listened to the messages under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. The reports of accomplishments showed that Brother Hicks has had his crowning year in state overseer work thus far. The outstanding records made this year will outshine anything that West Virginia has ever done in the past. The music and singing and special quartet numbers, under the direction of our Brother Newton Ward, were greatly appreciated by all. Numbers of the ministers and other people in attendance mentioned their appreciation for Brother Ernest L. Miller's message on "Consecration," which was soul-stirring. The program on the work of the daily vacation Bible school and the special mission service, which was given in a drama, were very impressive and convincing. It seems that all were brought to tears as they thought of the Church and its great responsibility toward the unfortunate peoples of other nations. God abundantly blessed throughout the entire convention, and a sweet heavenly atmosphere prevailed to the last service. I am sure that all who were in attendance will be greatly benefited by this wonderful convention. Watch at the Assembly, for West Virginia will surely rank high with her offerings for the various departments of the Church! May God continue to bless in the efforts there.

### IN THE INTEREST OF SOULS

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If we would stop and think just for a moment what a precious soul should mean to each one of us, we would be more careful than we are as to how we live and what we say and do.

We can think about the wealth of this world, the property of different kinds, the piles of gold and silver, but they don't start to compare with the value of a soul. Friends, let's try to get where God can use us. Let Him use us to save a soul.

When Jesus told Peter to launch out and let down his nets, it looked any way but encouraging, because he had fished all night and taken nothing. But at Jesus' command he let down his net and we know the result. He let Jesus use him.

When Naaman went to the man of God to be healed, he had to obey before he was healed. Friends, let's get where God can use us for His glory and for the benefit of those with whom we come in contact. Do a good deed for others; speak a kind word to let them see that you have an interest in them. It will cause them to love you and if we don't love one another we are none of His.



# REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

*We receive many requests for the salvation of relatives, loved ones, and friends, also for urgent unspoken requests. There are so many of these it is impossible to publish them, but we ask that all take them to heart and earnestly pray that the Lord will answer prayer in their behalf. In order for requests to be published they must be signed.*

## PRAY FOR:

My healing, I have high blood pressure and other troubles.—Mrs. W. M. Toney, Rt. 2, Rayville, La.

The healing of my husband's side; my baby's tonsils; my brother's leg which has been sore for the past seven years; the healing of my body and soul.—Mrs. Joe Collins, Rt. 2, Box 20, Macon, Ga.

The healing of my body and victory in my soul.—Mrs. Bernice Kendrick, 23 Irvin St., Sylacauga, Ala.

The complete healing of my body.—Mrs. Mary Griffith, Rt. 2, Hartselle, Ala.

The healing of my baby; my family and me.—Alvin Walker, Brasstown, N. C.

My health and soul; my son.—Sister G. H. Parker, Brooker, Fla.

My daughter and me to be healed; my son oversea.—Mrs. Bertha Rogers, Rt. 2, Clayton, Ga.

A very special unspoken request.—Mrs. Velma James, Milo, Tenn.

The healing of my mother who has fallen stomach, bladder trouble and is nearly blind. Her address is Mrs. Annie E. Bruton, Rt. 2, Box 344, Charlotte, N. C.—Mrs. Reed.

The healing of my three children who have the whooping cough.—Mrs. Ben W. Davis, Rt. 1, Duff, Tenn.

The complete healing of my body.—Mrs. Elsie Ahl, Rt. 2, Baxley, Ga.

God to heal my mother's body; my little three-year-old sister who got her eye put out about a year ago; healing of my body; my brother, Pvt. Joe D. York, who is oversea.—Miss Francis York, Star Route, Cornelia, Ga.

The healing of my body.—Hattie Parker, Edwardsville, Ala.

The healing of my little boy; urgent unspoken request.—Elta Keller, Bradenton, Fla.

Me to be healed of kidney trouble.—Mrs. M. J. Ballard, Pineland, Fla.

My brother to be healed of T.B. and saved, he was once a minister.—Mrs. L. D. Daffron, 615 Grand Ave., Orlando, Fla.

A young girl, Ruth Martin, Rt. 2, Stone Mountain, Ga., to be healed of tumor of the brain, the doctors do not think there is much chance for her.—Mrs. J. O. Duncan, Stone Mountain, Ga.

The healing of my body; my labor for Him on the field; June Selph, Rt. 3, Milan, Ga., to be healed of spells.—Lula Williams, 1080 Oconee St., Athens, Ga.

The healing of my body, I am very weak; my son, Hobson, who is in much need of prayer; my daughter-in-law who is in poor health.—Mrs. Sallie B. Hudson, Box 25, Hudson, Fla.

My hearing to be restored.—H. B. Campbell, Rt. 2, Altoona, Ala.

The healing of my body, I have a very bad heart condition.—Victor Kirk, Box 558, Williamson, W. Va.

The healing of my body; my mother to be healed; a neighbor's baby who is in the hospital at Trion, Ga., to be healed; my brother and dad.—Miss Mary Ruth Magnusson, Cloudland, Ga.

The Lord to undertake for my son and his wife and that my son may be healed; my two children who have a bad case of whooping cough to be healed.—Mrs. Lester Johnson, Rt. 8, Box 201, Jacksonville, Fla.

The healing of my body; my son.—Mrs. J. C. Pinion, Switzer, W. Va.

The Lord to heal me of sick and nervous spells.—Mrs. Myron Sherman, Rt. 2, Box 258, Fayetteville, N. C.

The Lord to heal my baby, she is in bad health and has been sick for quite a while; my home; me that the Lord will give me strength.—Mrs. J. W. Mostiller, Rt. 1, Springville, Ky.

Special unspoken request, God knows.—Voncille Burkett, Winnsboro, S. C.

My healing, I have had a stroke and am growing worse all the time.—Miss Easter Roe, c/o J. D. Henderson, Rt. 2, Calhoun, Ga.

## MISSION RECEIPTS FOR QUARTER ENDING JUNE, 1943

Alabama	\$2,224.40
Arizona	48.69
Arkansas	91.42
California	245.46
Colorado	11.57
Delaware	55.93
District of Columbia	31.10
Florida	1,253.13
Georgia	1,664.74
Idaho	23.68
Illinois	739.20
Indiana	87.33
Iowa	44.38
Kansas	166.80
Kentucky	4,211.24
Louisiana	663.42
Maine	27.02
Maryland	235.28
Massachusetts	1.63
Michigan	317.20
Minnesota	4.01
Mississippi	117.51
Missouri	489.70
Montana	52.38
Nebraska	45.59
New Jersey	20.35
New Mexico	52.78
New York	4.58
North Carolina	3,820.53
North Dakota	232.63
Ohio	534.99
Oklahoma	101.39
Oregon	38.11
Pennsylvania	202.99
South Carolina	1,388.16
South Dakota	152.93
Tennessee	1,313.87
Texas	1,155.35
Utah	2.05
Virginia	1,195.89
Washington	94.59
West Virginia	507.01
Wisconsin	1.50
Wyoming	3.75
North Portal, Canada	16.45
Robsart, Canada	.95
Consul, Canada	5.01

## Good L.W.W.B. at Patetown

PATETOWN, N. C.—We thank God for the L.W.W.B. at Patetown, N. C. They have put \$400 on the church and parsonage and have bought \$90 worth of new furniture this year.—Rev. Albert Teaster, pastor.

## Testimony

WARRIOR, Ala.—I praise God for the wonderful healing I received after receiving the anointed cloth. I give God the praise. I thank Him for this wonderful faith. Help us pray for the sinners at Coal Dale, Ala.—Elizabeth Basinger, Rt. 1.

## STATE CONVENTIONS

Date	State	Place
July 23-25	Maine, Mass., Conn., N. H., Vt., R. I.	Appleton, Maine
July 23-25	Georgia	Atlanta
July 23-25	Mississippi	S. Shady Grove
July 30-August 1	Kentucky	Somerset
July 30-August 1	Arkansas	Marked Tree
July 30-August 1	S. Louisiana	Shepherd Fold
August 6-8	Maryland, Delaware	Md. Campground

# REPORTS

## Getting Along Fine at Mt. Pleasant

MT. PLEASANT, Tenn.—We are getting along fine here at Mt. Pleasant. We have all of our quotas raised. All the people are paying tithes. The Lord is blessing us here. We had a good Holy-Ghost service Sunday morning. The power of God fell and three were filled with the Holy Ghost. Pray for the work at Mt. Pleasant.—Floyd Malonee, pastor.

## We Want To See the Spiritual Side Move On

BEAUFORT, S. C.—On Sunday, May 2, we had our dedication of the 30x50 frame building here in Beaufort, S. C. We had the pleasure of having Rev. L. W. McIntyre, our good state overseer, preach the dedicational sermon. We also had with us our state Sunday School and Y.P.E. superintendent, Rev. H. F. Douglas, who delivered the eleven o'clock message. Thank God, we are out of debt and have about \$115 in the treasury towards buying some benches. We had an all-day service with dinner on the ground, which was enjoyed by all. At the night service we closed a series of revival meetings with Rev. Frank Patterson as evangelist. We surely enjoyed the old-time gospel messages. Although we didn't see the results we would like, we feel there was a lot of good seed sown that are unseen now. Please pray for us here; we want to see the spiritual side move on. — Rev. J. E. Sechrest, pastor.

## Happy in the Lord's Work in New Mexico

CARLSBAD, N. Mex.—We are happy in the Lord here in Carlsbad, N. Mex. The Lord has blessed in many ways since we have taken this as our pastorate. We have moved into a four-room parsonage and have done some improving in the church. Our Sunday School attendance has reached 113, with \$7.28 offering; \$27.00 for the orphans. The people seem to have a mind to work.

There has been some improvement throughout the state. Every minister is greatly encouraged to work under the supervision of Rev. V. B. Rains, our state overseer. He is greatly loved by all ministers and the laity.

We have been informed that there have been ministers traveling to California by way of our city. When passing through, stop and spend the night with us.—N. L. Suiter, state treasurer, 403 S. Alameda.

## We Truly Praise God for His Blessings

CHAPMAN, Ala. — Dear Evangel Readers, we want you to know that God is still blessing us here at Chapman, Ala. May 9, Mother's Day, we had our annual home-coming. It was a gloomy day here, although a very nice crowd attended. We finished raising our mission offering and raised

a very good offering for the orphans' homes. We truly praise God for it all. We began a revival that night, with Sister Ena Williams doing the preaching. It lasted two weeks. Several were saved and sanctified and four filled with the Holy Ghost. The town was stirred and conviction held the congregations spellbound. Please pray for us, we are doing our best to pastor and take care of three churches. We regret we cannot do them justice. Sister Carter and I are carrying a great burden for our three churches and lost souls.

We thank God for our dearly beloved state overseer, Brother E. M. Ellis. He certainly has been a great blessing to us.

Brother Chesser, we are very happy to know North Carolina is doing so well. May God's richest blessings be yours.

We hope you Church of God preachers and laity coming our way will stop by to see us. Brother E. M. Smith, of Mineral Wells, Tex., we surely would have liked to be in your convention with you. We are hoping to go west another year on account of our health. We covet your most sincere prayers.—E. B. Carter, pastor.

## God Has Done Great Things for Us

LYNCHBURG, Va.—We praise God for the way He has blessed here in Lynchburg since we have Brother Burchett as our pastor. We love him and his family. God has done great and wonderful things for us, whereof we are glad.

We now have a nice church in which to worship. Pray for our Y.P.E. and Sunday School. Pray that God will heal Sister Burchett's body; she suffers with asthma so much. She is such a good worker in church and is hindered by being sick and weak.—Sister Nona Hudson.

## Enjoyed the Good Service

ARCHIBALD, La.—Just a word in behalf of our church at Archibald. We had a nice day Mother's Day. Heart-rending testimonies were given from many concerned mothers, also a sermon by Brother Floyd, which was food to our hungry hearts and souls. Lunch was spread at noon and there was lots of good food. In the afternoon there was a nice program, also a sermon by Brother Floyd, which was greatly enjoyed. Brother Jake Nolan made a mission drive and received a nice offering. Thank the Lord, the mission spirit was in our midst.

We are proud of our pastor and his family, Brother and Sister Floyd. They are both preachers. Sister Floyd is such a good young people's help and guide. I am shut in from service, about thirty-eight miles from my home church and no other near me. I ask all to pray for me to get close to a church, that I may be a blessing to someone and do my feeble part for God. Also pray for my complete heal-

ing for there is no one in my home with the blessing but me, but thank God I am standing on His promises.—May Porter, Rt. 1, Box 184, Delhi, La.

## God Has Been With Us at Unity

IRON CITY, Ga. — We thank and praise God for what He has done for us here at Unity Church of God this year. We have a nice Sunday School and Y.P.E. Brother J. H. Ming is our pastor; we appreciate him and Sister Ming. We feel that Sister Ming has been an instrument in God's hands throughout our entire Sunday School work. Pray that God will give us a great harvest of souls before this Assembly year closes. We will truly give God the praise.

We are all working to paint and cell our church. We believe God will give us a parsonage if we will work and pray. We surely need one. We feel that the day of awakening is at hand. Pray that our church will all wake up to the great spiritual need and fill our place as God sees fit. Please pray for my body to be healed. I have a very weakening ailment.—Ellen Lane, Rt. 1.

## Every Department Has Made a Nice Increase

LEACHVILLE, Ark.—The Lord is doing great things for us, for which we are very thankful.

We had a five weeks' revival, conducted by Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Smeltzer. God blessed in a special way. Numbers were saved, some filled with the Holy Ghost, and twenty-one added to the church.

Our church has grown by leaps and bounds in the twenty months we have been here. We have received sixty-nine members into the church. Every department has had a nice increase. We have the best young people's work in the entire state. We have made some wonderful improvements on our church property. Tithes have increased a great per cent in the last month. Rev. and Mrs. Smeltzer have conducted four revivals here at Leachville in the last twenty months. Every revival has been a success. He is a wonderful preacher and his wife a great singer.

Pray for us.—Floyd L. Ramsey, pastor, Box 263.

## God Is Blessing in a Mighty Way

W. KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — We are happy to report a grand service all day Mother's Day. The Holy Ghost came down in the morning service, the afternoon service, and was still blessing in the evening service. The attendance was large and the offerings the largest ever taken at W. Knoxville. We were honored in having Bible School students who rendered special music.

We also closed a three weeks' revival, in which six were saved, three sanctified, and three filled with the Holy Ghost. Rev. Bill Landrome, of Georgia, was the evangelist. He did some wonderful preaching and we were all drawn closer to God.

Our Y.P.E. is increasing, both spiritually and in number. The young people seem to be more interested and



God is blessing in a mighty way. There has been a grand increase in our Sunday School and we are fortunate to have Rev. G. C. Hamby, formerly of Tampa, Fla., as our pastor.—Miss Ora Sue Ball, 300 Scottish Pike.

#### Odessa, Tex., Gaining Ground

We certainly praise the Lord for His goodness to us in Odessa. We came here September 13, 1942, with a mind to work. Well, we didn't have to look very closely for a job for we saw it as soon as we came. Brother Sims, the former pastor, had purchased a church building, which cost \$405.87, plus \$40 interest, also a nice four-room parsonage with bath. He paid \$45 on the church note and all of the parsonage except \$93. When we came we had only to go to work. Making plate pies is what the L.W.W.B. took upon

itself to do. We made as high as seventy-two pies a week and sold them, though we are few in number here. We would thank the Lord, pay our church payment, and rejoice until the next W.W.B. day. The church was keeping up their part of the load and God was blessing. Then bad weather set in and much sickness and our band was hindered some. Sister Digby and I canvassed the town and practically furnished the parsonage. Then we borrowed money and bought a nice table-top gas cook stove and put in water. We had a good deacon and a good pastor but when they were not handy the ladies went ahead. As for the indebtedness, the L.W.W.B. did not pay all of it off. The good friends, neighbors, members, pastor, district pastor, and state overseer all helped with prayers, encouraging words,

pledges and advice until the last penny was paid. Glory to God! Now we feel like shouting. We in Odessa feel like we have done what God wanted us to, therefore we are very happy.

We had a good revival here not long ago. Sister Rose Mary Frank was the evangelist. Some were saved and sanctified and one filled with the Holy Ghost. If you are coming through here any time, please stop by. We are located at 120 W. Olive Street, south of the railroad, one block off the Crane highway.

If anyone has or knows of friends or relatives in the Middleland Air Field and you think they would be interested in the Church of God, please get in touch with me.—Mrs. F. L. Mitchell, Box 2008, Odessa, Tex.



The above picture is a mark of the loyal members of the Church of God, Bluefield, Va. We also have a three-room parsonage not shown. The last nine months' work—October 1, 1942-July 1, 1943: Homes visited, 161; sermons, 83; saved, 54; sanctified, 51; filled with the Holy Ghost, 5; added to the church, 44; transferred, 2; excluded, 3. Average Sunday School for September, 1942, 55; June, 1943, 183; Y.P.E. for September, 1942, 283; for



Rev. and Mrs. W. I. Bass

June, 1943, 903; Lighted Pathways sold for September, 1942, 3 rolls; for June, 1943, 118; tithes for September, 1942, \$68.36; for June, 1943, \$273.28. Money raised on church notes, improvements, etc., \$1,115.40. Truly God is with us in the program, for which we praise Him and the good people. Praise His name. We are on the air over WHIS each Friday morning from 6:35-7:00, 1440 on your dial.—Humbly, W. I. Bass, pastor, Bluefield, Va.

## Still on the Winning Side

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—We rented a store building in North St. Louis last May, 1942, and started a work for the Church of God. We organized the church on September 13 with sixteen members; now we have twenty-three. God is blessing us wonderfully.

Saints, pray much for us. We are in a hard place for a church and we are having a fight with old Satan, but we are still on the winning side and still have the victory. Hallelujah! I am not discouraged but I am encouraged to do more for the Lord than I ever have before. We have a good Y.P.E. and Sunday School. Our desire is to grow and expand all over North St. Louis, and by your prayers and the help of the Lord we will. Again I earnestly ask your prayers in our behalf. — G. W. Campbell, 2240-a Howard.

## Trusting God in His Work in Lancaster

LANCASTER, Ky.—I truly praise the Lord for His good free salvation and healing power. I have been trusting Him for fifteen years. He always takes care of us if we will only trust Him. God wants us to put all our trust in Him. Psa. 37:3, "Trust in the Lord and do good." If we want to do good, trust in God.

I am down here at Lancaster in a new work. We haven't a church building here but we are praying and trusting the Lord that we will have one soon. We would like for every reader to pray that we will do His will and have a good church here at Lancaster, for they need the gospel here.—W. L. Bloomfield, Box 429.

## Wonderful Victory for Y.P.E. at Lacoochee, Fla.

The third week of January we started a contest for the purpose of buying a piano for the church. The contest closed the last Friday night in March. The offering was \$179.65; the total offering for the contest was \$276.85. God blessed in every service. Two young people were saved. We lacked only \$20 paying cash for a brand new piano and in one week that was raised. The young people's work all over the Linden district is progressing nicely, for which we thank the Lord.

The district Y.P.E. and Sunday School convention convened at Bushnell, Sunday, April 4, with Brother Neil Smith, our district superintendent, in charge. The house was well filled. Each church on the district was well represented and each pastor present. Brother Smith had a very inspiring program. God's presence was there from the very beginning. We sang, shouted and praised God while the offering was being taken for the orphans. When the shout was over and the offering counted we had \$105.10. Five dollars of this went to the church that brought the largest offering to the convention, as Brother Smith had promised. Brother C. W. Fender, of Leesburg, won the prize.—S. J. Whitener, Lacoochee, Fla.

## REVIVALS

BASTIAN, Va.—The Church of God at Bastian, Va., has just closed a very successful revival with Sister Grace Grant doing the preaching. Eight saved, two sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost, three added to the church and all the saints much encouraged to be faithful in watching for the coming of the Lord, which we believe to be near at hand. Lift up your heads, saints of God, for our redemption draweth near.—Callie Winegar, clerk, Rt. 2, Bland, Va.

SWITZER, W. Va.—I praise the Lord for the wonderful revival which was conducted here by Rev. Bill Winter. Eleven were saved, several sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost, fourteen baptized in water and three added to the church. I praise the Lord for Switzer church and friends. We feel like we were in God's will to come to Switzer when Brother Hicks

told us to. God has surely blessed this year. The good people here have certainly treated us nicely. Many good things have been done for us. They are to be commended for their loyalty. Praise the Lord. We have taken several into the church this year. Every department has improved. Pray for us over here at Switzer, W. Va. We turned in \$410 for the orphanage and \$100 for missions for the state convention.—J. C. Pinion, pastor.

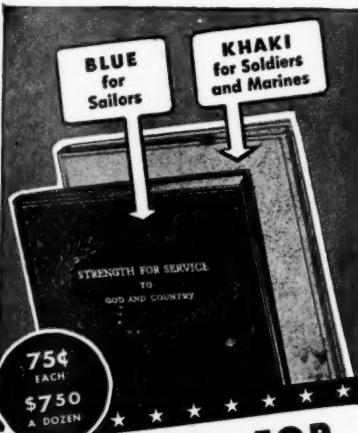
## Testimony

FT. MYERS, Fla.—Praise God for His great healing power. I promised God if He would heal my baby I would testify of it. He healed it of pneumonia and I give Him all the praise. Pray for me that I'll always stay humble and true and be ready to go when Jesus comes.—Lucille Stephens, 2940 Church St.

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## FOUNDATION DOCTRINES OF PROTESTANTISM

(Continued from page 7)

Jacobus Arminius, a Dutch theologian, began preaching the freedom of the will, that the death of Christ is for every one who is willing to believe and accept Him. This theology is the very essence of evangelism, and is known as Arminianism.

### A SUMMARY OF GREAT PROTESTANT TEACHINGS

According to the Standard American Encyclopedia, the following is a summary of Luther's beliefs:

1. The Bible is the final authority of faith.
2. Man is corrupt and cannot be saved by good works, but by the grace of God alone through faith.
3. Forgiveness of sins comes alone through faith in Christ.
4. There are only three sacraments instead of seven; viz., baptism, penance, and the eucharist.
5. The hierarchy of the Roman Church and its ritual are not necessary.
6. Every man is his own priest.
7. The church does not consist alone of organized system; there is an invisible church.

So we here and now conclude that one of the great fundamentals of Protestantism is freedom of religion—a thing we are hearing lots about today. And I want to say, thank God tonight for the Bill of Rights which guarantees us freedom of assembly and freedom of worship. No greater document was ever produced in the history of man than the Constitution of the United States, and we pray that it may be preserved until the Lord comes back for us. We have the blessed privilege of preaching the truth, and may the Lord save us from setting up our own creeds and traditions; may we take the Bible and stand upon it.

God has given us freedom of thought, and I believe He wants us to use our heads and be thinkers like free men and women. I have already decided that it does not matter what

I believe nor how much I have preached it, if I find it is not supported by the Bible I am ready to quit preaching it—in fact I will quit preaching it and preach the truth. I believe that is the testimony and conviction of every preacher here. As Church of God ministers, we believe that our first obligation is to God, not to an ecclesiastical system.

Two further principles of Protestant faith are Christian education and evangelism. Give us more education, for Christian education goes hand in hand with evangelism—it always has. Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." I believe a sound program of education and evangelism will help men and women to know the truth—truth that will lift them above the powers of sin, set their feet on the Rock of ages, and make them free men and women. I pray that God may help us to continue to preach that kind of gospel and to continue to tell the world that "the just shall live by faith." God bless each of you.

### TESTIMONIES FROM SOLDIERS

#### Now Is the Time To Pray

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, today I just want to let you know I am still trying to live for God. I go to church every Sunday and read and pray and I am asking you to remember me in your prayers each day, because you know if there was ever a time we ought to pray it is now. I have been in the Army about fourteen months today and I have tried to live for Jesus all the way. As you know, it is hard in the Army to walk the right way but if we will just look to Jesus He will always show us the way. I feel down and out sometimes and don't seem to care but I look up to heaven because I know Jesus cares. I want to be a soul winner and I am willing to do what He says, if He will only help me, and I know He can. I call on Jesus in the day and I call on Him in the night and He always makes it bright.

Please pray for me everywhere this message may go. I am doing the same for you. May God bless you and your

work. — Pfc. John H. Thompson, 34196759, 214th Qm. Co., A.P.O. 828, c/o Postmaster, New Orleans, La.

#### God Followed Me

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—I want to tell everyone of the way God has helped me. I have been saved while in the service for my country and God has really blessed. The boys have noticed a great change in me and, praise God, I'm not ashamed of Him because I was reared in a sanctified home, but I always thought of living for God as being tied down to something and not being free to go where I pleased, but, praise God, I feel better now than I ever have in my life.

I went to church every Sunday night at home. God worked on me but I wouldn't give over. Finally I joined the Army and God made me so miserable I had to do something or go crazy. He made me so miserable I couldn't sleep, eat or do anything and now I'm seeking the rest of what God has for me, so please pray for me. I was formerly from Roderfield, W. Va. —Pvt. Harold L. Gilbert, Plt. 334, RD-MCB, San Diego, Calif.

#### We Can Live It in the Army

MIAMI BEACH, Fla.—I have been a member of the Church of God for about seven years and am not tired of the way. I am eighteen years of age, filled with the blessings from God. I am in the service of God and my country. We can live it here and tell our fellow soldiers about His love and goodness. I have temptations on every side, but I can just look to Him, for He will not let us be tempted above what we are able to bear. I need the prayers of every saint of God that I will draw nearer Him each day. Remember my mother and father, Rev. and Mrs. Tom Lee Phillips, of Hixon, Tenn. I enjoy reading the good testimonies from the boys in the camp and others, too. The Evangel is the most wonderful paper a soldier can have to keep close to God. —Pvt. James C. Phillips, 414 Tr. Gr. Flight W, B.T.C. No. 4 A.A.F., Miami Beach, Fla.

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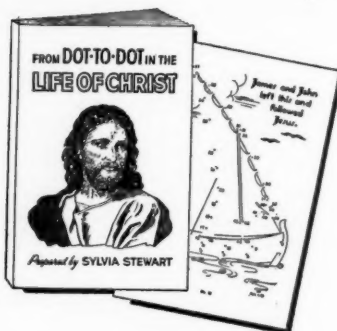
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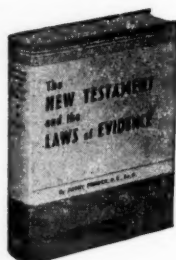
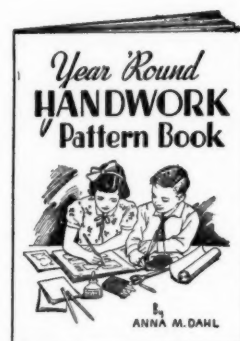
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